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A New Challenge

Another year has passed into oblivion, to be remembered only in our minds and in the recorded pages of history. Much as many of us would like to recall it and live over certain periods of it in order to make up for wasted or inefficient efforts, such is not possible. Time is relentless — it moves on doggedly waiting for no one. We cannot delay it to fit into any of our schemes. Instead, we have to adjust our lives and plans in such a way as to gain the most while we can.

Now, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, we may tend to think back to the old with a feeling of nostalgia about the grand plans which we had made, or we may experience a feeling of disgust with our selves for having accomplished so little. However, rather than bemoan what may have been, let's wake up and think about what can be. Crying over spilt milk has never accomplished anything except a neurosis.

Since our time on earth is so limited why not make up our minds to live it to the full. Our main purpose on earth is, of course, to live our life in such a way that we can achieve perfect happiness in heaven when our life here is snuffed out by Divine Providence. That is why our spiritual life and attitude is so important. Our conduct should be such that we will always be exemplary Catholics and encourage others to join our Faith. However, within this spiritual framework there is much that can also be done materially.

Many young people have the mistaken notion that the teens are only a time for fun, frivolity and carefree living. Nothing could be further from the truth. There is no harm in enjoying ourselves but life has greater responsibilities than merely having fun. Youth is a grand time full of hopes and dreams. However, Youth is also a time for action, when we lay a firm foundation upon which our earthly life will be based. Consequently, let us make the most of whatever time is available to us.

For those of us who are still furthering our education we have both an opportunity and a responsibility. Why waste our time when we could accomplish so much. There is a great need for more Ukrainian Catholic professionals in all fields. For those of us who are already working in our chosen careers we have the responsibility of doing exemplary work there too in order to achieve a measure of success.

Besides individual achievements we also have other responsibilities in the field of what we can do for others in cultural, religious and organizational activities. At present we can accomplish a great deal in our own Ukrainian Catholic Youth Organization. There is so much that needs to be done but there are so few who are willing to part with their time to do it. Isn't it about time that this attitude was changed? Just think about the kind of organization we could have if we all did our part.

The YOUTH magazine has a very important part to play in the development of the U.C.Y. as a National Organization. In fact, the success of the YOUTH will determine the extent of our success as an effective club. If the YOUTH does not succeed to the extent of becoming self-sufficient, what hope do we have of succeeding as a National Organization? The YOUTH is our hope and our common meeting ground for all groups from coast to coast. Let's include the YOUTH in our plan of activities for 1958.

The year 1958 beckons to us invitingly, challenging us to make the most of our capabilities. What are we going to do about it?

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Vocation Notes

Fr. M. DACIUK O.S.B.M.

LET'S BEGIN THE YEAR RIGHT

Saint John Bosco once made a remarkable statement about vocations. The Saint claimed that God puts the seed of a vocation into the hearts of at least one-third of all young people. Usually Saints are right. Besides, St. John Bosco was a lifelong lover and trainer of youth. Of all people, he knew what he was saying. If this statement is correct, then in every group, let us say, of thirty youth, there should be at least 10 vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Great crowds of graduates will stream from our grade schools, high schools and colleges at the end of this school year. Will 10 out 30 be thinking of the priesthood or religious life? Hardly. Ought they? What about yourself?

The question of your vocation is

the first that should be asked — not the last — because it is the highest state of life. In fact, the question should be asked long before it is time to decide at graduation. If it is a vocation seed that God puts in your heart, it has to have time to strike root. It's a living thing that needs hoeing and watering and a lot of attention. It doesn't pop up strong and sturdy like Jack's bean stalk. Nor will you be knocked off your horse. St. Paul-fashion.

Rather, you ought to "get down off your high horse" and ask God about your vocation. It's no good to look at it with a chip on your shoulder, as if to say, "All right, if God wants me, let Him make it clear." Naturally. He doesn't need anyone. It's a great privilege that He allows priests and brothers and sisters to work hand in hand with Him. God

flatters them by letting them do His work for Him. No, God won't force you. You have to beg for the privilege. A vocation, you see, is a "grace", after all. And you get graces by praying. And that's where our daily three Hail Mary's for more vocations come in.

We have just entered into a new life-span of 365 days that lie ahead of us this 1958th of the Lord's year. Many of you, undoubtedly, have been making all kinds of New Year's Resolutions, big and small, that are to be put into effect in this coming New Year. But have you included the most important resolution of them all, — that of finding your life's vocation predestined for your happiness by God Himself? That should interest you more than anything else, because time flies so fast and, sooner than you think, you will have to make that all-important decision—your life's future. I only hope that it be such that never in life or eternity would you have reason to regret that decision you had made. This is something that should not be left off unattended to.

The above paragraph has reminded me of a little sign in a small radio shop, on which these few words were written: "Ve too soon get old, und ve too late get schmart." Humorously expressed perhaps, but isn't there a world of truth, especially when applied to the question of vocation and our future . . . ?

Life, and all it has to offer, seems so attractive. The monastery or convent, by contrast, seem sometimes so uninviting. That constant round of duties, all those restrictions, and all that self-discipline—ugh! Youth particularly is apt to

make this unfavorable comparison because it sees so many years of life before it, and the prospect of being tied down for so long a time appears unbelievable.

If you are one of the young people who look at things in this way, pause for a moment and do a little thinking. Did you ever look back over just a few years of life and marvel at the speed with which they passed? Well, that's the way your whole life is going to rush by. And, before you realize it, the endless years of eternity will stretch out ahead of you.

Life will look a lot different then. You will see it exactly at its face value — a time given to you to accomplish some special task God had in mind for you. That task will be the important thing. And the effort, the restrictions, the selfdenial needed to finish your life's work will look so very trifling.

Why do you have to wait till life is almost over to get that view of things? The point is, you don't have to wait till you're old. There's no law against being young and wise at the same time. Treat your future seriously from the very earliest. So when stepping into the New Year do not let your future remain a curled-up question mark. Find out, especially through prayer and study, what God has in store for you. Then make up your mind. Above all, don't take God's grace too lightly. Give it the attention it deserves. Settle the matter of your future long before graduation day arrives. This way of planning may save you many a vain regret when life's few short years have quickly passed.

May God bless you all this coming New Year!

1957 YOUTH HONOR ROLL

With this issue we are introducing an annual feature in the YOUTH magazine as we think that recognition and honor should be given to those individuals and organizations who are sincerely interested in the welfare and future of our national organ. As we have mentioned so often in the past, subscriptions alone do not pay for one-third of the cost of publishing and distributing the YOUTH. Consequently, we have to rely upon the generosity and good-will of many U.C.Y. members and locals for added support. Without this help we could not get very far. To the following individuals and organizations we extend our sincere thanks for their very welcome support during 1957. We are thankful that they rallied to our call and set an example for others to follow. With God's help we hope that the number of these wonderful people will increase tremendously during 1958.

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His Excellency Bishop Neil Savaryn, Bishop of Edmonton, without whose patronage and encouragement the regular publication of the YOUTH within the past two years would not have been possible.

U. C. Y. Organizations

Following are U.C.Y. groups in Canada who have been of such great assistance to us by their generous contributions to our Press Fund in the past year. U. C. Y. clubs are listed according to the size of their contributions. Where contributions were of the same value, the alphabetical arrangement was used.

National Executive, U.C.Y. of Canada, Toronto, Ontario
Myrnam U.C.Y., Myrnam, Alberta
Calmar U.C.Y., Calmar, Alberta
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St Basils' U.C.Y., Edmonton, Alberta
St. Josaphat's U.C.Y., Edmonton, Alberta
Chipman U.C.Y., Chipman, Alberta
Ethelbert U.C.Y., Ethelbert, Manitoba
St's Peter and Paul U.C.Y., Canora, Saskatchewan
Holy Eucharist U.C.Y., East Kildonan, Winnipeg, Manitoba

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Olesik, Edmonton, Alberta

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Joan Melnychuk, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Stanley Syrnick, Dauphin, Manitoba.

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Religious Vocation

Excerpts from a talk given by Sister Margaret S.S.M.I. at Regional Career Rally in Mundare.

Of all the careers opened to a young lady, Sisterhood is the surest, the highest, the noblest way of knowing, loving, and serving God. It means getting to heaven by loving God in a very special way and serving others for His sake through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy: praying, teaching, nursing, going to foreign missions, working among the poor at home.

The greatest grace God can bestow on His elect after Baptism is that of a religious vocation. The religious life is the shortest, the simplest, and the surest way to heaven.

A vocation to the religious life is something greater than a mere transient call to some occupation. It is obedience to the choice that God has in mind for one to follow through her lifetime.

Very frequently the question is asked "How does one know whether or not she has a vocation to religious life?" Must a person aspiring to this life be one who has always been surrounded by culture, or buoyed up by a deeply religious atmosphere? No one needs to expect God to come down in person, call one by her name, and designate the religious order to which she should become a member. No, but when the time comes to make a serious decision, the person concerned will feel the magnetic pull of God on her heart-strings. If one should endeavour to describe His diverse methods in suggesting the religious life, one could write a book. Hardly any two people are called or summoned to serve the master as a religious in the same fashion. A call to religious life is not a command but God's advice to those sacrificing souls who wish to do more than one's faith commands them to do.

The call does not come to the ear. but to the heart. One does not hear it as much as she knows it. This call of God produces two effects in the soul. First, there is a sense of emptiness. The world does not satisfy. After parties and dances and good times of youth, there is still restlessness within. "This is not what I want." While others are content with such legitimate pleasure, the girl with a vocation feels the tug of the Infinite. There is some-

thing else she wants, and is almost afraid to believe that it can really be God who wants her.

Secondly, the vocation generates in the soul a desire to give oneself absolutely and completely to God, to do anything God wants, whatever the cost. This is the human side of a vocation. The Divine side is the call of God; the response is the human side. A generous girl usually responds readily because a vocation is a falling IN LOVE WITH GOD.

The St. Josaphat's U.C.Y.

The inaugural meeting of the St. Josaphat's U. C. Y. for the 1957-1958 year was held in September in the St. Josaphat's Church Auditorium. At the first meeting a nominating committee was picked for the purpose of selecting suitable candidates for the various positions. At the following meeting a list of candidates was presented. After further candidates were nominated from the floor, elections were held and the following individuals were chosen:

President—Ted Tyrkalo
Vice-President—John Kish
Secretary—Rose Oprushko
Treasurer—Stan Chichak
Fifth Member—Boris Litwin.

At a following meeting various committees were chosen to represent such activities as Sports, Social Activities, Spiritual Activities, Cultural Programs, and Press Correspondents.

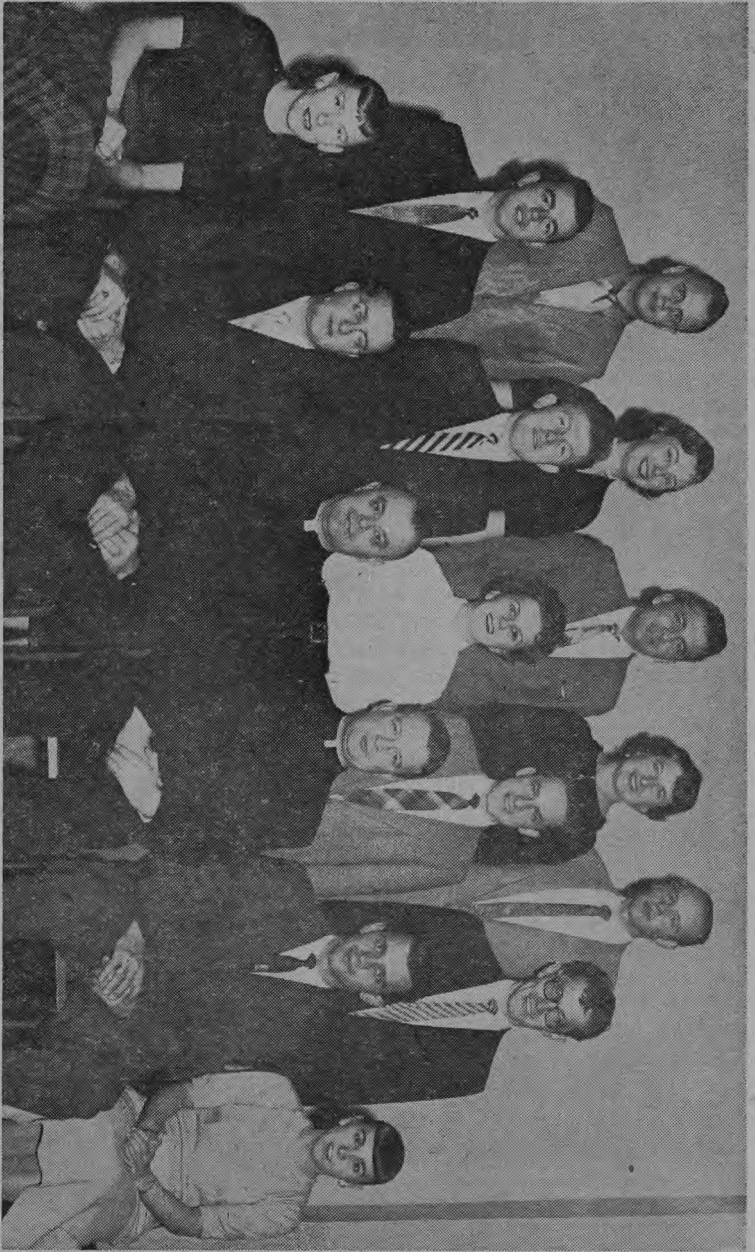
Meetings are divided into three sections. The business discussion is followed by a spiritual talk which in turn is followed by a social. The St. Josaphat's U. C. Y. is especially

active in the field of sports such as bowling, hockey and baseball. More detailed information in the next issue of YOUTH.

Борщів, Алта.

ЧЛЕНИ УКЮ ПРИСТУПИЛИ СПІЛЬНО ДО СВ. ТАЙН

Відділ УКЮ в Борщеві розпочав свою працю восени спільною св. Сповіддю та спільним св. Причастям. В неділю, 10 листопада, 52 члени борщівського УКЮ приступили спільно до св. Тайн. Після Служби Божої відбулося в Народному Домі спільне снідання, на якому були теж приванні родичі членів УКЮ. Під час прийняття дякували представники відділу УКЮ та родичів о. парохів М. Дацюкові ЧСВВ та о. М. Кривуцькому ЧСВВ за приготування й уділення св. Тайн. Після снідання о. М. Кривуцький виголосив доповідь про завдання членів УКЮ під теперішню пору.



St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. Executive: First row: Rose Oprushko, Secretary.; Ted Tyrkalo, President; Fr. B. Sloboda, O.S.B.M., Spiritual Director; Fr. E. Kushko, O.S.B.M., Youth Moderator; John Kish, Vice-Pres.; Mary Mendik, Social Committee. Second row: John Kowalchuk, Past President; Henry Panych, Chairman, Social Committee; Marion Philipovich, Spiritual Committee; Peter Zurba, Press Committee; Boris Litvin, Fifth Member. Third row: Walter Lattimer, Chairman Spiritual Committee; Anne Tyler, Press Committee; Stan Chichak, Treasurer; Anne Boryba, Social Committee; Ted Josephs, Chairman, Sports Committee.

Youth Press Campaign

YOUTH PRESS CAMPAIGN

Ever since the YOUTH was first founded there hasn't been a concentrated drive by all U.C.Y. members and locals to make a determined effort to put their official organ on a firm footing. We sincerely hope that the year 1958 will witness a complete change in this regard. As you all know, February and March are usually designated as Catholic Press Months. This is a time when Catholics all across the country are asked to turn their thoughts towards the Catholic Press, to become aware of the various publications, and to support their own by subscriptions and other financial aid.

Will you please to help us to help you during this crucial period. We, the Ukrainian Catholic Youth, have only one publication to concentrate on. Let's really make an all-out effort to make it a success. If all of us will do our part, not only will we bring this magazine to the attention of other young people, but we will also help ourselves by having a larger magazine containing more enjoyable reading material.

We suggest that you divide your efforts into two projects, one for each month.

LET'S MAKE FEBRUARY A YOUTH SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE MONTH.

At the present time our subscription lists are at a drastically low level. This, in turn, poses an extra burden on our present subscribers. The major cost of the YOUTH is its initial preparation. The typesetting and preparation for the press is the greatest cost. Once this is done, the

cost of running off several hundred extra copies on the presses is only a small additional cost to the initial one. The more copies we print, the less is the cost for each magazine. Therefore, the more copies we can send to subscribers the closer we will be towards making the YOUTH self-sustaining. There are several ways in which we can achieve this. First, let's be sure that our own subscription is up to date. Next, let's make all of our other fellow U.C.Y. members conscious of their obligation to the YOUTH. Our own U.C.Y. constitution states that every U.C.Y. member must be a subscriber to the YOUTH magazine. This is one aspect of our constitution which is almost completely ignored. If our present subscribers are the only U.C.Y. members in Canada we might as well hide our heads in shame and forget about being a nation-wide organization. Let's bring this matter up at the next meeting of our local and see if we can't get every member to be a subscriber. Which local is going to be the first to achieve this goal?

Now let's think about the second phase of our Press Campaign.

MARCH IS THE TIME FOR A YOUTH PRESS FUND DRIVE.

No matter how many subscribers we get, subscriptions alone are not going to pay for the cost of publication unless we raise the price. Our subscription price is the same as it was thirteen years ago. We don't want to raise this price. Therefore, the only way in which we can make ends meet is to depend on the generosity and good-will of

individuals and locals. Why not bring this matter up at your next U.C.Y. meeting and suggest some activity which your club can sponsor for the YOUTH PRESS FUND. Begin planning for it now. There are many things which can be done. You could sponsor a Whist Drive, a Tea, a Tag Day, a Drama Night or some other event. Why not make a collection for the YOUTH PRESS FUND at your next Communion Breakfast?

Perhaps some of you may pro-

bably find it within your means to contribute individually to our Press Fund. No matter how small the amount, it will certainly help.

The success of the YOUTH during 1958 will depend, to a large extent, upon the support which we receive during the next two months. Won't you please help to make the YOUTH drive during February and March the outstanding success it could be if it received the support from all U.C.Y. clubs and members throughout Canada.

Canora (Sask.) U.C.Y.

Miss Marcy Ron was nominated as president at the annual U.C.Y. meeting which was held at the Ukrainian Catholic Hall in Canora on Tuesday, October 29.

Other officers nominated were as follows: Honorary president, Father P. Kryworuchka; vice-president, Olga Lacmanec; recording secretary, Violet Lyhkun; corresponding secretary, Marion Marchinko; treasurer, Walter Ukrainetz; fifth member, Lucille Haskewich; press reporter, Nellie Ratushniak and Kay Swerhone; auditors, Isabelle Kowalchuk, Ernie Mazur and Diana Ron;

Spiritual and Apostolic chairman, Steve Kobrynsky; organizational chairman, Nellie Ratushniak; social and sports convenor, Ernie Mazur, Alex Prytula and Walter Ukrainetz; educational chairman, Mrs. Lillian Kobrynski; librarian, Julius Dziaduck and Adeline Parnetta; consultant, Kay Swerhone; lunch committee, Mary Kowbel, Julius Dziaduck, Jeanette Evacheski and Eve-

lyn Dziaduck; fireman, Herman Dutchak.

A report of the Seventh annual U.C.Y. convention held at Saskatoon on October 5 and 6 was given by one of the delegates, Violet Lyhkun. It was decided to hold a bake sale and tea on November 23 with Kay Swerhone as convenor.

Father Maluga of Yorkton was guest speaker at the U.C.Y. communion breakfast held at the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 24. Father Maluga celebrated Mass at 9:00 o'clock Sunday morning when all members received holy communion. Steve Kobrynski was master of ceremonies. Elizabeth Evacheski thanked the guest speaker. About 30 members and 10 guests attended.

Mrs. S. Evascheski, Mrs. J. Ludba, Mrs. M. Kowal and Anne Yawney of the U.C.W.L. served breakfast.

A Christmas party was held on Saturday, December 14 at the Parish Hall with about 35 members attending. The event was opened with a

prayer by Father Kryworuchka who blessed the Christmas supper which consisted of 12 traditional dishes. Moleben was celebrated by Father P. Kryworuchka. A program of community singing, instrumental num-

bers, monologues and duets followed. The evening came to a climax with "Santa Claus" appearing and giving out gifts to the members. The Santa Claus role was played by Father A. Pawliuk of Melville.

Nellie Ratushniak.

Calmar U.C.Y. Carnival



Queen and attendants at Calmar U.C.Y. Carnival. The Queen is Dianne Podgurny, while the attendants are Steffie Hook and Shirley Kobewka.

On November 10th and 11th a Carnival was held in the Ukrainian National Home, Calmar. On Sunday a delicious supper was served by the ladies of the three parishes, St. Mary's (Calmar farm), Holy Trinity Leduc and Holy Trinity Calmar. After supper bingo was played with the men of the parishes in charge.

Monday night a grand dance and the crowning of the queen was held,

with a very large number of people present. Everyone enjoyed themselves with the fine music of "Ted and his Starlighters".

A thanks should be extended to the business men of Calmar and Leduc who donated so generously with prizes and advertising.

Johnny Sych,
Press Correspondent.

Співпрацюй!

Співпраця! Скільки разів чуємо це слово? Зокрема, як часто зустрічаємося з ним серед нашого народу. В промовах, під час гостин, все згадують про силу співпраці, степенують це слово квітистичними образами, видигають його як одинокий рятуюнок перед страшною загрозою винародовлення, завмертя. Але посеред пишних прикмет цієї славної співпраці, вона поволі, поволі затрачує своє правдиве значення і стає тільки краснорічливою темою на відчит або промову. У статтях теж описують красу співпраці та зрушують читачів до великих діл, але тільки на хвилину. Опісля знова завмертя. Це є та незавидна доля співпраці.

Співпраця є наслідком терпеливої, невідкличної, інтенсивної роботи. Нераз ми чуємо, що там, або там заклали якое товариство. Долятають до нас вістки, що там і там молодь почала видавати власний часопис. Це все нас підбадьорює. Ми охоче готовимось слідити за їхніми рухами та лишатися їхніми успіхами. Але слухаємо, за якийсь час нема вже й чулки про це товариство. Дістанемо одно-двоє чисел нового часопису, а дальших годі дочекатися — вже не виходить. Що доводить до таких невдач? Цей занепад можна, остаточно, допровадити до кількох причин. Перша, звичайно, буває така: остра, не на місці критика членів-одниць. Ця критика в більшості випадків є наслідком якихсь особистих непорозумінь, або браку запалу, що є дуже заразливе і скоро переходить на других. Ці небажані елементи повинні бути усунені якнайскорше, бо

вони шкодять загальній справі і є впливом самолюбства поодиноких членів.

Дійсну співпрацю дуже трудно тепер знайти, особливо в нашій народі. Це тому, що мало є таких людей, що готові цілковито посвятитися даній, розпочатій справі. З другої сторони не бракує таких, що клять собі з посвяти ідейних осіб і строго осуджують їхні зусилля та відбирають охоту, а часом і можливість до дальшої праці.

Ці дві категорії людей звичайно характеризують кожний початий рух, кожне діло. Замало є осіб при керівництві, а забагато в задних, вигідних кріслах, що приглядаються і... це все. Ці, власне, ні самі не роблять, ні другим не помагають. Тому то у всякій організаційній праці треба забути про своє "я", а всецільо і з посвятою взятися до діла, сповняти всі обов'язки члена, витривало працювати для добра даної справи. Іншими словами — СПІВПРАЦЮВАТИ!

Тому першим і головним гаслом членів УКЮ у всіх справах відділів, у справі Юнацтва і взагалі всієї діяльності, повинно бути тверде і рішуче: СПІВПРАЦЮЙ!

"Your husband," said the caller sympathizingly, "was a man of excellent qualities,"

"Yes," sighed the widow, "he was a good man. Everybody says so. I wasn't much acquainted with him myself. You see, he belonged to six or seven lodges, and two or three clubs."

Generally Speaking

By Cec. Haykowski

Dear Youth Members. —

Today we are going to talk about the U.C.Y. Club. The U.C.Y. Club is organized to offer something of very important value to its members and every Ukrainian Catholic should make an effort to attend it.

When a person attends a meeting he expects the club to offer him something and he must in turn be expected to offer something to the club. These two things should be in the mind of every person. **WHAT HAS THE CLUB TO OFFER ME?** and **WHAT CAN I DO FOR THE CLUB?** are the two questions every member should ask. If these two or one of them are absent in the minds of the club member, his presence is a waste of time on his part as well as a waste of time to the club. If a member comes to a meeting or is present at any other activities, and feels that he is not benefitting anything from the club, or that he has more important things to do, he should, in my opinion, not participate in any such club. However, one must try to see the benefit of the U.C.Y. Believe me, there are many.

One important benefit is that the U.C.Y. makes you know and feel that you are a CATHOLIC and will sacrifice and devote your modest life in any respect you have chosen, to do so. The second factor is that the U.C.Y. reminds you that you are of Ukrainian origin and that you will protect, prolong and perpetuate its culture. This is something every regular U.C.Y. member is aware of and it is the duty of every such

member to encourage as many non-member Ukrainian Catholics to join. Every stranger contemplating joining may feel out of place or think there is nothing to be gained by such nonsense, or that he has no time to devote to the club. Well, that is a very common problem.

Suppose that even if you just sat during the meeting, participated in nothing, suggested nothing, and even made an impression upon the other members that you were not even there, you would still benefit by the two most important things the club has to offer you; namely that you are a Catholic and that you are Ukrainian.

After all, we are what God has intended us to be, and denying that means denying what God wants us to be. A man who denies his faith and denies his national origin, denies also his parents, his church, his friends, and above all himself, and denying oneself is like destroying yourself because you are lost and ashamed of what you are. Remember, people are like nature that harmonizes in the eyes of God and mankind.

God made not only willows, but He also provided the spruce, the pine, and the oak, each different, yet each beautiful in its own way. Every man enjoys such beauty as well as the beauty and the graciousness of being a human being, with a history of a proud past of his ancestors as well as the hope of a bright future which he may pass on to his children.

The U.C.Y. has many other things

to offer—you can help your parish, visit the sick, learn about your own culture, and many other activities the club wishes to participate in.

Now comes the part of every member of the U.C.Y. You must contribute your share to the club too, and every executive must make it their golden rule to obtain as many members as they can, and let them participate in some activity.

The club must have some activity, and the executive must make some effort to see that every member may have the pleasure to fulfill the objectives—not just a few members.

After all if the member cannot participate in the club activities or actually gets no benefit out of it, he is definitely wasting his time.

What I have written is an expression of my own personal convictions in regard to the U.C.Y. organization. In the future I hope to meet you again in the columns of the YOUTH. What about you? Why not follow my example and let the editor have your views about the magazine and the U.C.Y. clubs?

Let's make the YOUTH a more personal and more enjoyable magazine.

Brotherhood and Our Civilization

As I sit and wonder what the world would be like in without the meaning of brotherhood and without the meaning of right or wrong, I do not hesitate to thank our good Lord for the pattern of life outlined to us by Him. I sincerely thank Him for the Apostles given to us to assist us in achieving life and civilization as God wants us to.

It is toward this golden word of brotherhood and what it means toward civilization that I base my story on.

Upon my arrival to a large city and away from home, my beloved family, friends, Youth local and Parish, different incidents occur to me from the past; incidents with persons involved in need of Spiritual assistance, friendship, or a helping hand in some way. Some had received this hand and yet some had not. My story is based on great numbers of people who had received a helping hand from one man

who felt it was his duty as a Christian to do what he could for them.

A young reporter was hired one day by a large newspaper firm and was called immediately to the firm's executive. He was appointed to write a story based on the original life of the Jewish people in a part of the country where segregation withdrew many privileges and tortured the lives of numerous Jewish families. He was given an office and a stenographer and attempted his task immediately from the knowledge he already had on segregation. He studied his story in his room and it had not brought him satisfaction. He decided he would change his name for a Jewish name and live as a Jew for a period of time in a strange district. It was in this guise that in the very near future he was to find a great change in life.

Now, as a Jew, the reporter and his son began to suffer. The young

son had been mocked by his new playmates; on business trips the shelter of a hotel room had been refused and at social gatherings the reporter had found himself being ignored and received numerous unpleasant remarks. The office staff and his stenographer had changed their attitude toward him as they discovered his nationality.

It was from this change of life that the reporter could really learn what type of lives these people were leading. It was this change he had made himself that would lead him to write his proven story to show to his readers a teaching of God. These forms of life that God himself had created to become our brothers and sisters were not being treated so. These forms of life that were meant to build civilization with the rest of us and associate with us in our everyday lives were not being treated to do so.

Revealing his true nationality, after a period of time, to his associates astonished them.

How do you think they felt after treating him so? After treating him as a Jew! The man who had sacrificed and suffered a portion of his life for the cause of these people, was more than satisfied. He revealed to the outside world the different ways of life between this certain race and others. You may be assured it will never be forgotten by him and by many others who have either been involved, heard of, or witnessed this case. He set out to open the eyes of many who knew not the real definition of brotherhood.

Events like this have been and still are taking place all over the world today.

Events involving not only this one race of people, but others too. We, as ordinary human beings, have to be reminded every so often of events like this and also to do our part in correcting them as Christians should.

Surely, dear readers, we may all have stumbled over or heard of incidents involving cases like this, but have we ever attempted to do anything to correct it? Have we ever wondered what would result from assisting those who are not living as we are? Some times we are jeered at for attempting to do so and yet as Christians it is our duty.

To be asked how I would feel if I were pointed to everywhere I went, talked about and looked upon to make me feel I am not wanted and refused admission where I desired to venture just because of my nationality would lead me to defining the word brotherhood itself. To think of my life in place of one being segregated is a thought which cannot very easily be described. Yet, other beings like ourselves live daily facing these terrible facts.

I, myself, although at my early age of twenty have found reward in friendship and reward of knowledge from associating with those less fortunate than myself. I possess at present the friendship and the best friendship I have ever found from a young man who was less fortunate than myself and ignored by others.

Witnessing this story of segregation and being rewarded with the warm friendship of another being made me see the light. As a Christian, it should not have taken all this to remind me of brotherhood but I thank our good Lord for showing

me the way when He had and I hope my readers would understand that in this modern age we all have to be reminded of many other things too. I hope and pray with the rest of you that the whole world may

some day join hands in brotherhood to build civilization together as we were created to. We need our neighbours and our neighbours need us.

M.A. Leskiw.

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Spiritual Thoughts

"HELP ME O LOVING MOTHER" "IN THE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES"

After this sublime teaching of Beatitudes in His sermon on the mount, Our Blessed Saviour told His followers to the end of time that they were to be "the light of the world", and just as "men do not light a lamp and put it under the measure but upon the lamp-stand, so as to give light to all the house, even so", He continued, "let your light shine before men, in order that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven". Unfortunately however, many a Catholic today gives but a fitful and very dim light to his neighbour instead of being "the light of the world" by his truly Christian life. Such people remind me of the soldier of Alexander the Great who also was named Alexander, but was far from being an Alexander in conduct. So the great warrior had the man brought before him and said to him severely: "either give up calling yourself Alexander or let your conduct make you worthy to bear that name". Thus the Saviour might say to many: "Either give up calling yourself Christian or let your conduct make you worthy of the name".

What duties does the dignity of a

Christian require of us? A Christian has duties to God, to his neighbour and to himself.

To God the Father, he owes the love of a child and the exact observance of His commandments. To God the Son, he owes imitation of His virtues, belief in His teachings, and the profession of his faith even at the peril of his life. To God the Holy Ghost who lives in the Christian's soul by grace, he owes respect for this divine indwelling and faithfulness to his inspiration.

The duties of a Christian to his neighbour were summed up for him by Christ Himself in His graphic description of the Last Judgment: "Come, blessed of My Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me to drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; naked and covered Me; sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me".

May those divinely beautiful words of the Generous Christ reach in the heart of every good Christian, to console and strengthen him as he spends his life in doing good for Christ. I speak of those who nurse the sick for Christ, who teach the ignorant for Christ, who help the

Church for Christ, who visit the poor for Christ, who spread the teaching of Christ, who console the aged and the broken-hearted for Christ, who bring the wayward soul to Christ. One rapturous day they will hear from the Divine Lips of Christ those rewarding words: "As long as you did it for one of these, the least of My brethren, you did it for Me".

O let the rest of men be selfish and selfcentered. Let them "lay up for themselves treasures on Earth where rust and moth consume, and where thieves break in and steal. Let them be wastrels of the goods of mind and heart and body with which a Generous God has gifted them, but let the good Christian, the fervent Catholic, still be generous with his time, his talents, his goods for the sake of even one of these souls the Saviour calls His own, and his reward will be very "great in heaven".

The Christian also has duties to himself. He must strip himself of his faults and failings and put on the perfections of God Himself by imitating the virtues of Jesus Christ, his model, as The Redeemer Himself has commanded him, saying: "You are to be perfect even as your heavenly Father is perfect". Therefore, not only must he avoid sin and the danger of sin, but he must endeavour day by day, with the help of God's grace, to become what man was in the garden of paradise before his sin, the perfect image and likeness of his God.

How noble are the duties of the Christian soul to God, to neighbour and to self. How exalted his high destiny of being with God Himself in heaven, a son of God. Let us then

remember that "we have not here a lasting habitation but we seek one that is to come" but "that man shall enter into the house of his eternity". With Mary's help may we persevere until death "in the performance of our Christian duties" that so we may "receive the crown of life".

By Miss Lillian Morris

The young couple were happy and got into the habit of teasing each other. After winning a round at the breakfast table, she went shopping as it was her day off. Coming home towards evening, she flung herself into an easy chair and sighed—Hubbie, I had a fine day—but oh, do my shoes hurt!

Thank God, it's not your feet—said he—and the score was even for the day.

He: "I had a wonderful job on a South Sea Isle. Short hours, light work, and my salary was a thousand dollars a day."

She: "Why did you leave?"

He: "The boss charged me six thousand nine hundred and ninety dollars a week for board and room."

Customer in a drug store on Sunday morning: "Please give me change for dime."

Druggist: "Here it is, I hope you enjoy the sermon."

"Please, I'd like a milk shake."

"What flavor?"

"I'd like it without pineapple."

"Sorry, we have no pineapple. Will you have it without something else?"

THE TRAVELER AND THE TWO ROADS

St. Bridget tells us the following story: One day a traveler, being on his journey, came to a place where there were two roads, one or other of which he was obliged to take. One of these was level and pleasant, and the other was steep and rough. But he was told that the one that was so pleasant and level would lead him to a precipice, where he would be sure to lose his life, whereas the other, which was so steep, would lead him to a place where he would find all he could desire of joy and happiness.

When he had examined these two roads, the traveler took the one that seemed to him to be the easiest to walk upon, although he knew at the same time it would lead him to a terrible end. He had once heard it said that at a certain spot on this road there was a little side path which led on to the other one, so he said to himself: "I can go along this road with great security till I come to this little path; then I will at once ascend to the other road and thus I will be able to escape falling over the terrible precipice which is at the end of it."

So he began to walk on the pleasant road but before he was aware he fell over the precipice and was killed. He had been so much taken up with the pleasure of the road that he had forgotten to keep a lookout for the little by-path, and had passed it by.

"It is the same way," said the Saint, "that many people of our own time act. No one wants to be lost in Hell for all eternity; still, they would, if possible, walk on the plain road, because they do not wish to

renounce the pleasures of life. Hence they frame an excuse for themselves by saying that God is good, and that He has established the Sacrament of Penance, by which as soon as the sinner repents, all his sins are at once blotted out, and they hope that before they die God will forgive them, and that thus they will, after all, reach Heaven, even after a life of sin. 'Our life is long,' they say, 'and the mercy of God is very great. We will enjoy the present life, and towards the end of our days we will return to God by a good Confession, and thus reach Heaven.' These people for the most part deceive themselves; for God is just as well as merciful, and He will not grant the Kingdom of Heaven to those who have thus shown themselves so unworthy of it."

THE HOUR PASSES

The hour passes — and with it passes every opportunity to use it.

Lives are made up of hours.

And the hours of the majority of lives simply slip away by days and months and years, until death stops the sacrifice.

Time is a gift of God to men.

In the measure of each day, every man is allotted the same quantity and quality of time.

Time, itself, cannot be accumulated and cannot be mortgaged.

It has to be used as it passes—hour by hour and minute by minute.

But the results from the use of time may be multiplied to meet the ability of each individual.

This can be accomplished by planning an effective use of each hour and spending each hour as planned. —AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

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